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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/12/01;7/6/01;7/31/01;2/26/02.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 6, the limitation cited “digital signal...to analog converter” in lines 1-2 is mis-descriptive. For examination purposes, the examiner considers this limitation as the digital signal is obtained from an output of an analog to digital converter. Re claim 12 has the same problem.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koopman (U.S. 5,757,923).

Re claim 1, Koopman discloses in Figures 1-2 a method for generating a random value (output of crypto-secure bit hashing) method comprising: monitoring a signal

obtained from a communication channel (microphone collects data from fan in Figure 2), signal including additive noise (inherently); sampling signal to generate a random value (25 in Figure 1); and storing random value (42).

Re claim 2, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 using random value as input to a cryptographic key generation process (right portion of Figure 2).

Re claim 3, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 sampling comprises: sampling at times determined by output of a linear feedback shift register (feedback polynomial selection in Figure 2).

Re claim 4, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 monitoring comprises monitoring a digital signal represented by multiple bits (col. 5 lines 60-62).

Re claim 5, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 reordering multiple bits prior to sampling (data shuffling in Figure 2).

Re claim 6, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 digital signal obtained from an output of an analog to digital converter (25 in Figure 1).

Re claim 7, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 1. Thus, claim 7 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

Re claim 8, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 2. Thus, claim 8 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 2.

Re claim 9, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 3. Thus, claim 9 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 3.

Re claim 10, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 4. Thus, claim 10 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 4.

Re claim 11, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 5. Thus, claim 11 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 5.

Re claim 12, it is a means apparatus claim of claim 6. Thus, claim 12 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 6.

Re claim 13, it is an apparatus claim of claim 1. Thus, claim 13 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

Re claim 14, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 a sampler that samples signal to generate random value (output of 25 in Figure 1).

Re claim 15, it is an apparatus claim of claim 3. Thus, claim 15 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 3.

Re claim 16, Koopman further discloses in Figures 1-2 signal comprises a digital signal (output of crypto-secure bit hashing in Figure 2).

Re claim 17, it is an apparatus claim of claim 5. Thus, claim 17 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 5.

Re claim 18, it is an apparatus claim of claim 6. Thus, claim 18 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 6.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - a. U.S. Patent No. 6,188,294 to Ryan et al. disclose a method and apparatus for random sequence generator.

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- b. U.S. Patent No. 6,374,278 to Korn et al. disclose a method and apparatus for the generation of statistically random number.
- c. U.S. Patent No. 5,696,828 to Koopman discloses a random number generating system and process based on chaos.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (703) 305-5655. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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